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1. A study has been made of the Mission Coverage Summaries of all [] TALENT photography with attention to large, fenced industries. Photographs of these industries were examined in detail for any possible association with nuclear energy activity. This search did not uncover any installations, previously unidentified, which have the characteristics normally attributed to nuclear energy type activities. In each case where a suspect industry was located, it was found that reports had been completed or were underway.

2. Significant industries were noted in the course of this project.

a. A large new complex is under construction just north of Pavlodar and east of Pavlodar Airfield at 52° 18' N, 76° 59' E. It consists of a possible Agricultural Combine Manufacturing Plant (in the early stages of construction and reportedly planned to be the largest plant in the Soviet Union); a possible thermal-electric power plant under construction (reportedly planned for 100 megawatts), and a large construction materials plant where building materials are stored and processed. Each of these installations has its own security fence with guard towers.

b. Of recent construction near Stalinsk is the Kuznetski (Stalin) Metallurgical Combine located at approximately 53° 43' N - 87° 13' E, just southwest of the small town of Abagur. This plant reportedly processes iron ore for the Stalin Iron and Steel Facilities in Stalinsk.

c. A large industry under construction was discovered at Semipalatinsk on the west side of the river. The location approximately 50° 24' N, 80° 12' E, is approximately 90 nautical miles east of the Special Weapons Proving Grounds. No connection with the proving grounds is apparent. The presence of two tall stacks, three possible settling tanks under construction, and the general appearance of the buildings under construction indicate that this will be a cement plant. However,

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with this installation in such early stages, this interpretation cannot be considered conclusive. Security measures here also include a fence with guard towers.

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